CHRISTMAS COMING.

Now time has turned, with a restless hand,
His hour-glass o'er and o'er,
And the news goes forth on sea and land,
Old Christmas comes once more.
There never was cheer like the Christmas cheer
The last, best gift of the dying year,
To the weary sons of men.

The bells are ringing the story old From out their brazen throats, As over the world it floats. The wanderer hears the joyous sound:

"God bless the bells! I am homeward bound,
For Christmas comes again."

A CHRISTMAS SONG.

BY MRS. HATTIE S. RUSSELL. The oak is a strong and stalwart tree, And it lifts its branches up. And catches the dew right gallantly

And catches the dew right gallantly
In many a dainty cup.
And the world is brighter, and better made,
Because of the woodman's stroke,
Descending in sun, or falling in shade,
On the sturdy form of the oak.
But stronger, I ween, in apparel green,
And the trappings so fair to see;
With its precious freight, for small and great,
Is the beautiful Christmas-tree. The elm is a kind and goodly tree, With its branches bending low; The heart is glad when its form we see,

Ay! the heart is glad, and the pulses bound, And joy illumines the face, Whenever a goodly elm is found, Because of its beauty and grace.
But kinder, I ween, more goodly in mien,
With branches more drooping and free,
The tints of whose leaves, fidelity weaves,
Is the beautiful Christmas-tree.

The maple is supple, and lithe, and strong,
And claimeth our love anew,
When the days are listless, and quiet, and long
And the world is fair to view. And later—as beauties and graces unfold— A monarch right regally drest, With streamers aflame, and pennons of gold, It seemeth of all the best. More lissome, I ween, the brightness and sheen, And the coloring, sunny and free, And the banners soft, that are held aloft, By the beautiful Christmas-tree. -St. Nicholas for December.

BLACK AND WHITE CHRISTMAS.

CHAPTER I .- BLACK CHRISTMAS. Ralph stepped off the train, and, turning a deaf ear to the entreaties of rival hackmen, walked briskly along the plank pavement of his native village, carrying his valise in his hand. It was night—the night before Christmay day. A snow-storm was howling abroad, stinging the faces of pedestrians. Ralph could scarcely discover one old landmark through the whirl of wind. People passed him muffled so closely that they looked like walking pillows.

He hurried up the steps of the one small hotel (that vast caravansary of his juvenile days), and walked, breathless, into the new, crowded office. It is pathetic to go back to places which you have known and remembered all your years, and find that they remember you no more. Ralph was no nabob of a traveler, who had achieved great achievements and come back to shine world. But some old uncle or other the grate, and pushing his hair from An Ingenious Astronomical Instrument. in the eyes of his early associates. He died, and left her a pretty plum a little his forehead looked him in the eyes. bore the traces of hard work and com-more than a year ago. She was teachparative poverty. He was still quite a young man, and had an energetic breadth of shoulder and an independent carriage. But his face bore lines of disappointment; his cheeks were thinned by fever; his whole person, as well as his dress, testified that he was one of those men who push to the frontier for the success which Eastern towns deny them, and who often get more scars than rewards.

Ralph took off his slouching hat and shook the snow from it, and bustled always keeps open house on Christmas about the fire to hide from himself his Day, and there isn't a house better kept chagrin at meeting no familiar face. in the place-not excepting even the old But villages change so quickly. Half Judge's." a dozen years will bury a generation of "I don't know about that," said old folks, and bring in a new popula- Ralph, in a changed voice. "I think the right, straightforward words zontal direction it carries a second tion of strangers; and he had heard I'll take the early morning train. Joe," from the place only at rare intervals he added, with bitter frankness, "I've To during half a dozen years. The time always loved that girl, and I suppose a lion. She was a little astonished at the map of the stars. It, of course, he had spent on the Rocky Mountains she's lost to me now. If you know how her own boldness in touching him. So follows, that when the upper pointer is and Western prairies, and counted long a fellow feels when he's been balked at only because it paid him so little, had nearly every thing he ever undertook, his red fingers. been cycles of changes to these vil-lagers. He wondered if May were al-Joe puckered his eyebr tered much? He always counted on sympathetically toward this young fronfinding her the same young, pale-faced tiersman. girl, with unlimited trust in him and the clinging ways he could never for-

curred to him that he could marry any future's made!" girl but May. He went first with all his young enthusiasm to fight in the civil war, and May and he firmly believed he would come back a General. They wrote comforting letters to each other, while Ralph roughed campaign after campaign, and May wore thin calico dresses and sat up nights studying to be a teacher. They promised themselves great joy when Ralph came safely through his wounds and the war with honorable Lieutenant straps upon his shoulders, and May found a position in the village schools. They would be married at once and defy poverty. But Ralph determined to go and look willing to wait. But while he was dar-ing; people can't help it." her old fashion. "Oh, Ralph, I did ing his fortune thus, the years slipped He got up from the table and went to wait so long! and when the money ing his fortune thus, the years slipped til he despaired, and then sold his claims one week to a man who, the next week, struck the long-felt-for vein! He tried merchandise in the half heathkilled the crops one year, and he gen- tive town. He could see very little. different! Aren't you my boy Ralph of them are on the lookout for a them. Failures depressed him, but the buildings were dark and silent. going to school?" he pushed feverishly after the Revelry brightened some houses, however-retreating wealth. When it seemed ever, and in passing one of these Ralph his silences were more frequent than his | that house light and music surrounded | her mouth. "I love you," said Ralph. jubilant letters. During a year and a the guests. mighty effort to get rich. He bent all to a gentleman.

er. He had the wild land which the longed to kick him! A soft, insinuat- named Ralph wander in the streets. Gas from the Interior of the Earth. not such a home as he had intended for never yielded Ralph a decent living! Lingering and lingering, they were in some localities to allow of its being simply as an objective point to rally May; but it was the best he had, and Oh, it was hard to stand in the snow surprised by the daylight of Christmas used for the illumination and heating he would offer it to her. He was tired and darkness, and see a prosperous of living a half-civilized life. He could man talk prettily to the girl his strong not wait any longer for the family life heart adored! The long arched drawwhich he knew how to appreciate, peing-room was filled with successful, culiarly because he never had enjoyed happy people—it was a miniature heaven it—except with his eyes, in the posses—Ralph standing and viewing it from sion of other men.

a long and uncomfortable dream. The reached the end of the street he went fire which drew out these recollections back to take one more glimpse of her. in his fingers. He must be looking for in his ears, so fascinated-so mastered

to find her out. pen to write his name. As the clerk, ing away. who had been staring at him, followed

well-kept young man's face.

Mountain bear. On Joe's part there visible rope, he crossed the street and was a like willingness to express good feeling. Although Chistmas Eve filled tering low, touching chords within. drive about the waiters assiduously to and thinking in music. secure Raiph's comfort.

former places. As the conversation entered and closed it. proceeded and he postponed inquiring | May lifted her eyes from her slender thing to conceal; but what if some was not very bright. dread change had come to her? It | Perhaps this was the blackest instant

man than himself. place?" he at last ventured, huskily.
"I should think she is!" cried Joe. "I should think she is!" cried Joe. "May!" said Ralph. (He afterward wondered that she knew his voice; he remember how she was knocked about | did not know it himself.) when she was a little girl?"

"Yes, I do," said Ralph. " Nobody had any idea that there was a rich relative belonging to her in the ing school then; but now you'll find First Street, in good style. And I tell you, Ralph, I never saw money bring of land." out any one as it has her. I used to fellow would feel sorry for her; but she's grown so pretty and so-so taking -charming, you know, that she's dangerous-especially to poor fellows on a salary, like me. Go up with me and see her to-morrow," urged Joe. "She

Joe puckered his eyebrows and bent

had had a tough life! Homeless and ers with the air of a beau who knows I'll go." almost friendless she had been pushed them well and to his own saddening, about. Ralph had always loved her, and "you can't count on them! They'll be leaned against the mantel. If any one they plighted their troth to each other on to-day and off to-morrow; and I've had repeated his speech to him he when they walked barefooted to the noticed that May Pardee is very hard would have been shocked by its coolsame school. Ralph was nearly as to please. Maybe she's been saving ness. To May it appeared that after a destitute as she, but he had a boy's herself up for you," hazarded Joe, like year and a half of willful silence, and scope and sturdy spirit. He meant to one unaccustomed venturing to quote get rich and marry her. It never oc- poetry; "And if that's the case your she was so faithful, he had come back

Ralph. "This is just my luck. I never and over again in her mind had she thought of any woman but her; and placed it in his hands. All the pretty now every thing's gone and changed graces which leisure had given her and lost!"

tempting to lift his friend's spirits, and tally consulting Ralph's tastebe back in a minute."

"Black Christmas," muttered Ralph, sitting alone, with his head on his fists. "Well, I'm glad enough for her luckfor a wider arena. Perhaps battle- God bless her! It's better, far better away from between them, she rested in powder was not yet out of his blood. than any thing I could ever have given He was a daring boy. They could wait her, but it leaves me out. I suppose could you go away from me again?" army to the plains. May was very last year. I don't blame her for chang- sobbed May, hanging on his neck in

out of hand and gave him next to the office for his overcoat. Joe nodded nothing in their place. He mined un- pleasantly to him over the book, and he nodded back to Joe, and saying, "I'll

be in shortly," went on the street.

How black and wild the earth was! He pulled his hat down to his ears and en towns of the border; but drouth tramped from street to street of his naerously gave up all his stock to sufferers and became next to bankrupt with through the driving snow, and most of you lifted me over the muddy places aries. They don't wait to be picked just before him he wrote jubilant letters saw what arrested and detained him. to May; but, when failure in any under- Tempest was all around him; but with- "I was a fool." He kissed her facetaking shamed him, he was silent. And in the lace-shaded French windows of all its beautiful curves and dimples-

half there had been no communication He saw May standing in And you shall marry me in spite of the between them. He was making a the middle of the room talking money!" his thoughts and all his labor to that some wonderful kind of dress, and her finally when they thought of separating plan, and it amounted to nothing—just as all his other attempts did. "Of course," said Ralph, with some bitterness. Then he sat down with his fore-head on his fists, and resolved not to e what a contemptible puppy was the fel-what a contemptible puppy was the fel-

that dread region "without."

And here he was in the same village He resolved not to be a fool, at any with May! He felt as if wakened from rate, and walked away. But before he also set the impatient blood to tingling Thus he stood, with the snow drifting her-have some supper and make haste by his own passionate mood, that he ed on standing in the hall, wrapped forgot time, and the guests begun to lightly, to watch him as he went. Ralph went to the desk and dipped a depart before he thought of again turn-

When the door opened, however, the characters, a light broke over that throwing its shine far across the wild street, Ralph tramped hastily off to an "How do you do?" he exclaimed, opposite veranda, and watched jealousputting his hand across the desk. "I ly every departing individual who had

thought I knew your face! You re-member Joe Russell, don't you?" enjoyed May's hospitality. They were gone quickly enough; but Ralph remembered Joe Russell joy- Ralph still watched the windows. An fully. Many a time had he given Joe impulse to go in and see her a moment Russell a bloody nose, and taken a was mastering him. He would just see black eye from Joe Russell! They had her a moment; he would tell her he was been attached playfellows. Kalph glad prosperity had blessed her; he must could have hugged him like a Rocky see her. Like a man obeying some inhim with business, he found time to sit | May's guests were gone. She was thinkdown to supper with Ralph, and to ing after the excitement of the evening,

A black man opened the door to He had a thousand things to tell the Ralph, and supposing he was one of the oranges hung on a tree look very pret- and a fresh vein of gas was tapped every returned wanderer, and he told them guests returning for some reason, ushwith the grace of a gossip. All con- ered him-like a walking snow-bankstraint left them as they ate and talked. at once into the house. He took off his Ralph's old familiars were marched overcoat and hat mechanically; the and counter-marched before him, and black servant hung them up and openmarried or buried, or set again in their ed the drawing-room door for him. He

about May, a nervous dread grew upon hands on the keys and saw this tall him. He did not shrink from declaring stranger. She rose from the pianoto Joe, or to any man, that she was his stool and came forward. The gas had on purpose, use fine wire from some twigs, branches, layers of leaves, ripen- which do not possess sufficient merit to succhoice and the sole object of his been lowered. She loved to sit in the devotion. His love had never been a glow of the grate; but the grate light heavy articles near the body of the tree, deep geological researches in Mill Creek

struck him then as never before, that of Ralph's Black Christmas. She did May could die or could marry another not know him. Fair and graceful, she stood still waiting for this rather rough-"I suppose May Pardee is in the looking man to speak. She was a little illuminated with a candle at each end, pings of the blue clay are seen. It is lications are given high-sounding names, prestartled, but held herself weil.

"Oh, Ralphie!" she cried, reaching up both arms to his neck.

CHAPTER II.-WHITE CHRISTMAS. She put him in an easy chair before "Where have you been?" said May.

horrible, black Christmas Eve!"

was feeling around now in his mind for pendicular to the table, while in a horito speak before he must go. pointer, fixed at the base of the column,

He stood up. May stood up also, and observers of shooting-stars and auroras. after the long absence through which "I don't want a rich wife," sneered Ralph's joy in her inheritance. Over "Oh come, now," blundered Joe, at- pretty thing for her home without men-

rolling his comfortable body out of his He uttered a cry-his eyes dilated; chair in answer to a summons from the he caught her in his arms and wound a office, "don't be having black blues! rug about her! The fire which had run This is Christmas Eve, you know! I'll up her light drapery, to her head, was smothered in an instant with his big hands. She only knew she had been in danger when the danger was past, and with all misunderstandings burnt her first and best lover's arms.

"Oh, Ralph! how could you-how her old fashion. "Oh, Ralph, I did came I was glad for us, because you would now have capital to work with. Nobody could do much without capiopposite to that one which pressed her

"Just the same," said Ralph.

"Then what is different?" "I never thought of any other woman.

They talked hour after hour; and

Government gave him, and a little cabin ing, girlish man! A fellow wearing all The little girl I picked up in town. and a few improvements on it. It was the graces of that civilization which had They have been with me nearly a year."

> morning. The short winter night was of towns and cities. Fredonia, N. Y., Two little night-gowned sleepers gas for a period of over forty years; crept down the stairs and made a rush Erie, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa., where some for the well filled stockings. Still half of the large manufacturing establishasleep and staggering they disappearments have been successfully lighted ed, and Ralph kissed his love "Merry and heated for some years past by gas Christmas" with the sensation that received from wells over forty miles dis- still wore the same kind and patient

"Don't come to the door," he urged, as he withdrew slowly, and she insist-

"But I must see the earth this mornearth. Oh, how beautiful and white exists in great quantities beneath the every thing is!"

white Christmas. A White Christmas!" said Ralph, kissing May again. MARY HARTWELL.

Decorations of the Christmas Tree.

children, little and large.

M. Mauperin of Paris has invented "Roughing it in the West," replied an ingenious apparatus for enabling her in a pretty brown-stone house on Ralph, meeting her eyes steadily, "and one to determine instantly the name of getting for my pains a cabin and a patch any star or constellation, by simply pointing in its direction with the indi-She took up his chilled hands and cator provided by this instrument. think she was a pinched little thing-a began to rub them with her soft fingers. The apparatus consists essentially of a "How cold you are! Did you just tripod stand supporting a circular table, which may be inclined at any angle "I came in two or three hours ago to the horizon. On this table is enon the evening train. Yes, it's a cold, graved a map of the stars, and its circumference is divided into degrees and Ralph did not aim at pathos; but the divisions of the year. From its there was something ruggedly pa- center there stands up a column which thetic in his words. He felt dazed. He revolves about its axis and supports at had scarcely touched her when she its top a pointer. This pointer is movclung around him with both arms. He able about its center in a plane per-May he appeared like and, therefore, in close contact with "I'm glad," said Ralph, speaking and the hour, the lower pointer will up clearly while he stared into he fire, then cover the star in question, and its "that life has been made easy for you. name may be read on the chart, with I had to come in and tell you so. I have the utmost readiness and convenience. "Pshaw!" exclaimed Joe, with sur- done my utmost the last year and a A lantern attached to the table ilprise. "But then, Ralph, what's the half, and expected to come with some- luminates the chart sufficiently, so that use of feeling cut up? Maybe she'll thing in my hand; but it's as I said, the whole stand may be carried out of It seemed to him only yesterday when have you all the same, and that would and now all's different. And," said doors and used there with advantage. she kissed him good-bye, with her arms be a lucky stroke for you. But these Ralph, still dazed and groping for his The indicator may also be employed for around his neck. Poor little girl, she girls," said Joe, pulling his side-whisk- arm-chair, to rise, "I've seen you, and the inverse process-that is, for making charts, and may be used, too, by

Living in Ice for a Year.

The Newark Advertiser has this story: to break their tie! She had pictured Ralph's joy in her inheritance. Over and over again in her mind had she placed it in his hands. All the pretty graces which leisure had given her were for Ralph. She never bought a pretty thing for her home without mentally consulting Ralph's taste—

He uttered a cry—his eyes dilated;

The product of the piscatolial tribe which for coolness is equaled only in scientific annals. He is of diminutive size, a minnow, in fact, and was beliefs in regard to a spirit realm and a hereafter as all foolishness. They did not believe in the good and evil genii, and were loud in their denunciations of the surface. He had evidently been frozen in when the ice was formed last winter, and has been living a comfortable.

CREATLY AFFLICTED.

Messers. J. O. Boscorth & Co., Denter: Gentlemen.—

Itake pleasure in recommending Sanford's Radical not believe in the good and evil genii, and were loud in their denunciations of the spiritual visitants of this mundane sphere. They were very persistent in their denunciations, and at last bottle, which fixed me all right, giving me relief from the spiritual visitants of this mundane sphere. They were very persistent in their denunciations, and at last bottle, which fixed me all right, giving me relief from the protect of the piscatolial and hereafter as all foolishness. They did not believe in the good and evil genii, and were loud in their denunciations of the spiritual visitants of this mundane sphere. They were very persistent in their denunciations, and at last bottle, which fixed me all right, giving me relief from the protect of the protect of the piscatolial and hereafter as all foolishness. They did not believe in the good and evil genii, and were loud in their denunciations of the spiritual visitants of this mundane sphere. They were very persistent in their denunciations, and at last bottle, which fixed me all right from the protect of the piscatolian and the protect of the piscatolian and the protect of the piscatolian and the protect of the pi ble, though inactive, existence ever upon them. since. That he was alive, has been alive, and is alive at present, is demonstrated by the fact that, when removed from his icy home yesterday morning and placed in water, he paddled off and placed in water, he paddled off compositely and easily, evidently encompositely and easily, evidently encompositely.

The ethereal characters determined to avenge themselves for the indignity offered them. The long and short of the matter was, that an army of them swooped down upon the irreverent where the paddled off the paddled off the water that the encomposite themselves for the indignity offered them. The long and short of the matter was, that an army of them swooped down upon the irreverent where the encomposition is alive at present, is demonstrated by the fact that, when removed themselves for the indignity offered them. The long and short of the matter was, that an army of them swooped down upon the irreverent where the encomposition is alive at present, is demonstrated by the fact that, when removed themselves for the indignity offered them. The long and short of the matter was, that an army of them swooped down upon the irreverent where the encomposition is alive at present, is demonstrated by the fact that, when removed the matter was, that an army of them are the composition of the matter was, that an army of them are the fact that, when removed the matter was, that an army of them are the fact that, when removed the matter was, that an army of them are the fact that, when removed the matter was, that an army of them are the fact that, when removed the matter was, that an army of them are the fact that the composition of the matter was, that an army of them are the fact that the composition of the matter was, the composition of the matter was, the composition of th has retarded his growth, he is evidently | heard of them since. in a healthy condition."

Clergymen Looking For Work.

New England economy has struck the ministerial salaries very generally, tal," cried May, smoothing the cheek and few realize how widespread is the resulting unsettlement of the clergy. head so hard. "Yet a moment ago Not all of them have left their parishyou stood there and told me it was all es in consequence, of course, but most up by richer parishes either. They write directly or by friends to introduce their claims, doctors of divinity, buying this yesterday." "Nothing is different," said Ralph. lots of them. Evidence of this can be collected of the supply committee of any large vacant local church, of which there are a good many in western Massachusetts just now, including the three most prominent Congregational pulvits of Berkshire. A good deacon, not far away, has a pile of letters from such candidates several feet high, and every mail adds to it .- Springfield Republi-

Gen. Anderson, the hero of Fort Sum- a little cannamon, a few cloves, a sprinfer going back to the old town any long. low bending to talk to her! Ralph said she, "and I couldn't let a boy ton for the winter.

Natural gas is sufficiently abundant

which has been lighted with natural years of family life and happiness had tant. There are also many instances in smile.—Detroit Free Press. softened his black mood of the night before.

Northern Ohio, near Cleveland, and in Northwestern Ohio, principally from the shale foundations, where gas wells are in successful use, and in all the gas is obtained at so trifling a cost that nothing can at all approach it for cheap-ness, even for fuel. Within a few years ing," cried May. "It's a Christmas it has been discovered that natural gas it is not too late for cure. A single bottle of soil of Mill Creek Valley in Ohio. Some paroxysms, and a brief course of it will re "Yes," said Ralph, "it's a blessed six or eight years ago a man, while boring on his grounds in Cumminsville for | would rather forestall disease than wait for the purpose of ascertaining the locality its assaults, will resort to this sure defense of the old red sandstone, struck a reservoir of carburetted hydrogen gas at the depth of about 299 feet below the sur face. The volume of escaving gas In breaking eggs for cake and pies through the four-inch shaft was so often engendered, and always aggravated, by leave the shells as nearly whole as pos- strong that when a match was ap the chills and damps of winter and early sible or in two halves. Ornament these plied a steady column of flame with bright bits of color and gilt. Paste shot high into the air. It was the small cords to them, fill with candies intention to utilize the discovery for and hang on the tree. With care these lighting. Further boring, however, fancy shells may be made to do service tapped a vein of water, which in turn several years. Pop corn nicely, string filled the shaft and checked the flow of it, and hang in festoons on the tree. gas. Previous to this a pipe, with 110 Use bitter-sweet berries in the same gas jets rudely attached, furnished light and slandering his good name. There are way. Apples of bright color and at every jet for many days and nights, ty. They should be hung near the 10 feet until a depth of 436 feet was body of the tree. Take common bobbin- reached, and the force of the gas was et, cut it like stocking shapes, sew to- great enough to eject columns of water gether with bright worsted, fill with high above the mouth. Prof. Orton, transparent candies of various tints. in his geology of Hamilton County, says Get rock candy, break into small bits, that underlying all the various drift deand suspend by fine spool cotton from posits of Mill Creek (Miami) Valley are jured by the great popularity which my the boughs. 'Twill glitter like frost- "thick beds of carbonaceous clay, work. To fasten on the candles, if you charged heavily with vegetable matter have not the little candlesticks made such as the trunks and roots of trees, old hat or bonnet frame. Hang all the ed fruits, grasses, and sedges." Ail the lightest ones near the ends of the Valley have shown an underlying boughs. For a Sunday-school a very stratum of heavy, tenacious blue clay, pretty change from the conventional varying in thickness from 80 to 100 feet. issued and scattered broadcast over the land, tree is a ladder. Let it be decorated In many parts of Mill Creek and in the with evergreens and flowers, the rounds | Miami River at Hamilton large outcropand the presents be suspended from the theory of many that the decompostend to be issued by respectable men of edurounds. The ladder should reach from ed vegetable deposits in this blue clay cation and position, for the good of the peofloor to ceiling. Unless one has seen a ladder thus decorated he can form no idea how beautiful it looks; and then gen gas, but that besides the drift dethe lesson it teaches is one that can be posits below the blue clay are extensive sounding name of one of these publications, brought home to the hearts of all the enough to furnish an abundant supply. -Boston Transcript.

A Curious Indian Legend.

The existence of an ancient Indian village at Paragoonah, Utah, about two in accomplishing the object of their authors, hundred miles from Pioche, is reported. for, notwithstanding their free circulation, The houses, now covered with trees and my medicines continue to sell more largely brush, were arranged in uniform rows, and were about eight by nine feet in size. They were all two-story, built of adobe, supported by pillows of sand- medicines possess genuine merit, accomplish stone rock. The only entrance discov- what their manufacturer claims for them, erable was a sort of man-hole in the top. Bone needles, rude appliances for grinding corn, and other relics, were found in several of the houses. There is the large number of pretended analyses puba tradition among the Indians of that region that long years ago the tribe that inhabited this village brought about for the people to know that while thousands, their annihilation by their own prepos-

They were quite a prosperous people, and refused to associate with the Sioux, Shoshones and other tribes. Indeed, they were far above the savage Indians, inasmuch as some of them were real giants, and walke i the Western plains coliaths in power and size. They were whiter than most American descendants of Shem. They, however, had their defects, and one of these was a well developed caudal appendage.

They refused to believe in the Grea spirit, and declared that they could remember when they had existed as fourlegged animals. Their remote ancestors could trace their origin to the serpentine world, and told how their ancestors in turn could tell of the very time when the first member of their race had absolutely sprung into being from nothing.

The other Indians did not take to this "Fish are cold-blooded creatures, as idea. On account of this preposterous every one knows, but the proprietor of piece of ignorance, this peculiar race the Fourteenth Ward House, on Murray | would have nothing to do with the other Street, has a sample of the piscatorial tribes. . They also looked upon their

joying a release from his long impris- whole tribe, men, women and children. onment. The little fellow has been liv- At last, they disappeared between two ing a life of suspended animation for suns and left no trace except their nearly a year at least, but, though it buildings. Not a word has ever been

Darwin and kindred philosophers should take warning.—Denver Tribune.

Something to Rally On.

Just before dinner yesterday a womon living on Larned Street entered a Jefferson Avenue grocery with snapping eyes, and as she slammed a tin pail down on the counter hissed out: "Mince-meat is it? Why don't you

call it slop, or stuff, or hen-feed?" "Yes, that is some of our mincemeat," replied the butcher, as he uncovered the pail. "I remember of your

a nucleus to rally on It is the foundation, as it were, of a good thing. You want to add more meat, more apples, -The widow and two daughters of more raisins, some brandy, some cider,

"Then why not make my own mincemeat!" she shricked.

"Why not? We keep it on sale

"Well, you and your whole caboodle of clerks can rally on this half-gallon," she firmly said, turning the pail upside

down on the counter. "Just as you desire, madam," was the affable reply, and when she reached the door and looked back the merchant

The Shivering Victims

Of fever and ague, who freeze to-day to burn to morrow, might have been exempted from their present trials had they availed themselves in time of that safeguard against all malarious diseases, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. But if it is too late for prevention, this irresistible herbal tonic will stop the store the patient to vigorous health. The prudent and thoughtful, however, who against intermittent and remittent fevers at the commencement of the season when they prevail. Now is the time to forearm the system against fever and ague, bilious complaints and dyspepsia-diseases which are

Cowardly Assaults. When a candidate for high office is so well

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Proprietor of Dr Pierce's Medicines, World's Dispensary, Buffalo, N. Y.

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